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FM AMEMBASSY PORT OF SPAIN

TO AMEMBASSY GEORGETOWN

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AMEMBASSY KINGSTON

C O N F I D E N T I A L PORT OF SPAIN 3008

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EMIN, EINV, XL

SUBJ: TRINIDAD ALUMINUM SMELTER PROJECT

REF: A) STATE 274454; B) GEORGETOWN 2230; C) PORT OF SPAIN 2912

1. WHILE THIS EMBASSY DOES NOT HAVE THE EXPERTISE TO EVALUATE THE RESEARCH CONDUCTED OR CONCLUSIONS REACHED IN THE OPIC-COMMISSIONED STUDY DESCRIBED REF (A), WE AGREE WITH AMEMBASSY GEORGETOWN (REF B) THAT NAY-SAYING OR DOUBTFUL COMMENTS BY USG OFFICIALS WITH REGARD TO PROPOSED ALUMINUM SMELTER WOULD BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE.

2. COMMENTS BY JAMAICA'S PM MANLEY (REF C) IN TRINIDAD RAISED MANY DOUBTS AMONG TRINIDADIANS ABOUT EXTENT OF JAMAICA'S COMMITMENT TO TRI-NATIONAL PROJECT, AND RECENT PRESS STORIES (NOT DENIED BY THE GOTT) SUGGEST A THREE-YEAR SLIPPAGE IN SMELTER PLANS, POINTING OUT THAT ELECTRICITY REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL THE PROPOSED INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS HAVE NOT BEEN FIRM ENOUGH TO ENABLE ELECTRIC COMPANY TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR GENERATING CAPACITY. WE REMAIN VERY SKEPTICAL THAT AMBITIOUS SMELTER PROJECT WILL EVER BE IMPLEMENTED, BUT WE THINK THAT ALL DECISIONS SHOULD BE MADE BY GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED BASED UPON INPUTS WHICH THEY THEMSELVES COMMISSION.

3. UPON RELEASE OF CRU STUDY, HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THAT COPY  
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SHOULD URGENTLY BE MADE AVAILABLE TO TRINIDAD'S INDUSTRIAL

DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, WHICH HAS BEEN ASSIGNED COORDINATING RESPONSIBILITY FOR SMELTER PROJECT. WE WOULD PROPOSE TO SEND IT TO IDC IN LOW-KEY MANNER, SINCE THEY WILL UNDOUBTEDLY LEARN OF REPORT'S RELEASE THROUGH CONTACTS WITH JAMAICA AND GUYANA GOVERNMENTS.

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